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Francie Broderick, Executive Director Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. 4130 Lindell Ave. St. Louis, MO 63108

RE: Fiscal Monitoring Report of Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. Transitional Housing Program (#2007-AHC9)

D. Blake

Dear Ms. Broderick:

Enclosed is a report of our fiscal monitoring review of the Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. (Document #50605) for the period June 1, 2005 Through May 31, 2006. The scope of a fiscal monitoring review is substantially less than an audit, and as such, we do not express an opinion on the financial operations of Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. Our fieldwork was completed on February 13, 2007.

This review was made under authorization contained in Section 2, Article XV of the Charter, City of St. Louis, as revised and has been conducted in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and through an agreement with the Affordable Housing Commission to provide fiscal monitoring to all grant subrecipients. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Schroeder at 589-6089.

Sincerely,

Sedrick Blake, CPA, Audit/Fiscal Executive

Enclosure

cc: Angela Morton Conley, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Commission



CITY OF ST. LOUIS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

PLACES FOR PEOPLE-SULLIVAN STREET APTS.
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
DOCUMENT #50605
CONTRACT #65-05G

FISCAL MONITORING REVIEW

JUNE 1, 2005 THROUGH MAY 31, 2006

PROJECT #2007-AHC9

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INTRODUCTION

Background

Contract Name:

Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts.

Contract Number:

65-05G

Contract Period:

June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006

Contract Amount:

\$58,000

This contract provided funds to the Agency to provide on site staffing for an 18 unit apartment building housing people with serious mental illness, and addiction disorders, some of whom were HIV positive.

Purpose

The purpose of this fiscal monitoring review was to determine Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts.' (Document #50605) compliance with local Affordable Housing Commission requirements for the period June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006. We will make recommendations for improvements if necessary.

Scope and Methodology

We made inquiries regarding Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts.' internal controls relating to the grant administered by the Affordable Housing Commission (AHC), tested evidence supporting the reports the Agency submitted to AHC and performed other procedures considered necessary. Our fieldwork was completed on February 13, 2007.

CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

Conclusion

Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. did <u>not</u> fully comply with AHC requirements.

Status of Prior Observations

This is the first fiscal monitoring review for Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. under this program. Therefore, the Agency does not have prior observations.

Summary of Current Observations

We made a recommendation for the following observation, which if implemented, could assist Places for People-Sullivan Street Apts. in complying with AHC requirements:

• Agency Exceeded Contract Budget Limits by Overcharging Salaries

<u>DETAILED OBSERVATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS</u> <u>AND MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES</u>

Agency Exceeded Contract Budget Limits by Overcharging Salaries

The contract required the Agency to requests reimbursements for salaries in accord with the contract personnel schedule. Any changes require the Agency to submit a revised personnel schedule.

We reviewed the request for reimbursement for November 2005. The salary for one employee was requested and reimbursed twice for the same pay period. The employee's first check did not include his overtime. The check was reissued for the correct amount of \$679.25. However, the agency did not reduce its reimbursement request for the \$599.50 for the original check. Since they did not reduce their reimbursement report, they overstated their cost report by the amount of the first check, \$599.50.

We discussed this issue with AHC. They determined the Agency did not have to pay back the \$599.50 because the Agency expended the entire grant before the contract period ended. AHC allowed the Agency to submit another request. The request was for the same employee for a pay period that was not previously reimbursed by the grant.

Recommendation

We recommend the Agency review expenditure reports more closely before sending in reimbursement requests.

Management's Response

...(We) concur with your findings...the invoice in question was revised as well as the final invoice for that contract year and submitted to Affordable Housing...